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SUBJECT: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON LEGISLATIVE PROCESSES
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1. IN ADDITION TO THE FY-1977 MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECTS LISTED IN A-1425 OF MARCH 10, 1976, THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT, IN JUNE OF 1977, A FOUR-WEEK MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT DESIGNED TO PROVIDE INFLUENTIAL MEMBERS OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS WITH OPPORTUNITIES (A) TO OBSERVE AND DISCUSS THE ROLE OF LEGISLATIVE BODIES AND INDIVIDUAL LEGISLATORS IN THE U.S. POLITICAL-GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM, (B) TO ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH THE VIEWPOINTS AND INFLUENCE OF INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS AND OF ORGANIZATIONS OF CITIZENS ON ISSUES BEFORE THE CURRENT CONGRESS, AND (C) TO MAKE INDIVIDUAL VISITS TO CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO THEIR OWN PARLIAMENTARY DISTRICTS AND TO ONE OR TWO OTHER COMMUNITIES OF THEIR CHOICE. THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN ADDED FOLLOWING A STUDY OF CPP'S, WHICH PROPOSE MORE GRANTS FOR PARLIAMENTARIANS THAN FOR ANY OTHER IV CATEGORY.

2. QUALIFICATIONS: PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE INFLUENTIAL MEMBERS OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS WHOSE PARLIAMENTARY

INTERESTS ARE PRIMARILY FOCUSED ON MAJOR NATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES; OR, FOR AFRICA, EITHER DELEGATES TO NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS OR POLICY - MAKING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCILS. THE PROJECT IS ESPECIALLY APPROPRIATE FOR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WITH MAJOR BUSINESS, LABOR, OR AGRICULTURAL BACKGROUNDS OR WITH ACADEMIC OR GOVERNMENT BACKGROUNDS CONCENTRATING ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS; THE PROJECT IS NOT DESIGNED FOR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WITH RELATIVELY SPECIALIZED BACKGROUNDS AND INTERESTS IN SUCH FIELDS AS EDUCATION, SCIENCE, MEDICINE, OR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. ALL NOMINEES MUST HAVE CONSIDERABLE VERBAL FACILITY IN ENGLISH IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN BOTH THE GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL PHASES OF THE PROGRAM WITHOUT INTERPRETERS. DEPENDENTS MAY NOT ACCOMPANY PARTICIPANTS. POSTS SHOULD ENSURE THAT A GRANT FOR THIS PROJECT IS RELEVANT TO ONE OF THE GROUPS OR INSTITUTIONS IDENTIFIED FOR EMPHASIS IN THE COUNTRY PROGRAM PROPOSAL

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AND FALLS WITHIN THE PRIORITIES OR SHOULD JUSTIFY ANY DEVIATION FROM THE CPP.

3. PROGRAM. THE BASIC PATTERN FOR THE PROJECT INVOLVES TWO WEEKS OF PRE-PLANNED GROUP AND TEAM ACTIVITIES IN WASHINGTON AND TWO OTHER CITIES, AN INDIVIDUAL VISIT TO A CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SELECTED BY THE PROGRAMMING AGENCY, ABOUT FIVE DAYS OF INDIVIDUAL TRAVEL REQUESTED BY THE PARTICIPANT, AND TWO DAYS OF SUMMARY AND EVALUATION SESSIONS. THE GROUP PROGRAM WILL BEGIN WITH A WEEK IN WASHINGTON (JUNE 5 - 11) INCLUDING INTRODUCTORY SEMINARS ON THE ROLE OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS AND ON CURRENT LEGISLATIVE ISSUES, MEETINGS WITH EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES TO DISCUSS EXECUTIVE-LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, MEETINGS WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS AND STAFF, OBSERVATION OF HOUSE AND SENATE SESSIONS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS, AND A DAY FOR INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS IN WASHINGTON.

DURING THE SECOND WEEK (JUNE 12 - 17) EACH VISITOR WILL PARTICIPATE IN TEAM VISITS TO TWO CITIES, ONE IN THE EAST OR MID-WEST AND ONE IN THE MOUNTAIN OR WEST COAST REGIONS. THESE VISITS WILL BE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC REACTIONS TO BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES; THE TEAMS WILL MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF BUSINESS, LABOR, FARMER, ENVIRONMENTALIST, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OF CITIZENS TO REVIEW THEIR VIEWPOINTS AND INFLUENCE REGARDING

ECONOMIC ISSUES BEFORE THE CURRENT CONGRESS. ONE OF THE CITIES VISITED BY EACH TEAM WILL BE A STATE CAPITOL,

WHERE THE TEAM WILL ALSO MEET WITH MEMBERS AND STAFF OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC ISSUES IN THE RECENTLY COMPLETED LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 18 THROUGH JUNE 29 WILL BE USED FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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TWO TYPES OF INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITIES. UP TO A WEEK OF THIS TIME WILL BE DEVOTED TO AN INTENSIVE VISIT TO A CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WHICH IS SOMEWHAT SIMILAR IN TYPE OF ECONOMY, DEGREE OF URBANIZATION, AND/OR CLIMATE TO THE DISTRICT THE PARTICIPANT REPRESENTS IN PARLIAMENT. WHILE THE COMMUNITIES WILL BE SELECTED BY THE NATIONAL PROGRAMMING AGENCY BEFORE THE VISITOR ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON, LOCAL SCHEDULES WILL BE COMPLETED AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE VISITOR AND WILL BE TAILORED TO HIS OR HER SPECIAL INTERESTS.

A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY FIVE DAYS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUAL VISITS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED BY THE PARTICIPANT AND CABLED TO THE DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO APRIL 15. THIS TYPE OF INDIVIDUAL TRAVEL MAY EITHER PRECEDE OR FOLLOW THE INDIVIDUAL VISITS TO CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS, DEPENDING ON THE LOCATION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SELECTED BY THE PROGRAMMING AGENCY AND OF THE VISITS REQUESTED BY THE PARTICIPANT. PARTICIPANTS WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR SUMMARY AND EVALUATION SESSIONS ON JUNE 30 AND JULY 1.

4. GRANTS: UNLESS POSTS REQUEST OTHER PROVISIONS, GRANTS WILL BE IDENTICAL WITH THOSE FOR INDIVIDUAL IV GRANTEES, WITH PER DIEM OF DOLS 45 FOR 28 DAYS. COSTS ARE CHARGEABLE TO POST ALLOCATIONS. COST-SHARING IS ENCOURAGED, ESPECIALLY THE PROVISION OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FROM NON-U.S. SOURCES.

5. ACTION: POSTS INTERESTED IN NOMINATING FOR THIS PROJECT SHOULD INFORM THE DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NO LATER THAN MARCH 1. AMERICAN OFFICERS SHOULD INTERVIEW CANDIDATES TO ASSESS ENGLISH, MAJOR AND SPECIAL INTERESTS, AND LENGTH OF TIME AVAILABLE FOR THE VISIT. COMPLETE NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 15 AND SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE DISTRICT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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NOMINEE REPRESENTS IN PARLIAMENT AND HIS OR HER REQUESTS

FOR INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMMING, SO THAT A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
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